



ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 26.

THE LATEST intelligence from South America is to the effect that the anticipated decline and fall of the famous "Republic of Brazil," which arose in a night, and was created by a single regiment of soldiers, can not be postponed much longer. Already the junta at the head of affairs is contemplating the advisability of declaring a constitution for the country, instead of allowing the representatives of the people to form one. A government, like money, easily made, is lost with equal facility.

THE President has withdrawn the nomination of Capt. W. E. Thompson for postmaster at Keosauqua, Pa., because it is charged that the Captain sometimes plays a game of cards with his friends, takes a drink when so inclined, and when provoked emphasizes his expressions with profane words. But the President has not withdrawn the nomination of any of his negro postmasters in the South, whose iniquities are included in the catalogue of crimes, not vices.

IF THE practical effect of the operation of the fish commission be the same in other rivers as it has been in the Potomac, the benefits of that commission are inappreciable, and its "cost more than it comes to." But unprofitable as it now is to every body except its employees, it will be a great deal worse if the bill now before Congress for transferring it to the Agricultural Department shall pass.

WHAT PUZZLES ordinary people is the fact that a laborer in the government's employ should work fewer hours and receive better wages than one employed by private parties. But it is plain as daylight that because such is the case the latter class of labor should be dissatisfied, and that the number of those who desire to belong to the former should be constantly increasing.

WHY THE Congress of the United States should afford the owners of silver mines in this and foreign countries a ready and high market for all their products is what few intelligent people can understand, in view of the fact that it lets the farmers, who compose the great body of the people of this country, hustle for a market for their products.

THE CENSUS of 1880 was taken by republicans; that of 1890 will be taken by them also. As the reports of the former have not yet been completed, it is not unlikely that the year 1900 will arrive before those of the latter will be printed, and, if so, be as useless as those of 1880 now are.

#### VIRGINIA NEWS.

George M. Bain, of Augusta county, was struck by a passenger train yesterday and killed.

Dr. W. E. Hall, of Renova, Pa., was found dead yesterday morning in his room at his boarding house at Fortress Monroe.

The little baby of Major S. F. Pearce, of Norfolk, while playing with a bottle of ammonia yesterday, worked the cork out, swallowed a quantity of the drug and died in a short time.

Governor McKinney yesterday appointed Mr. A. Brown Evans, of Middlesex county, to the judgeship of the Ninth judicial circuit to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Jeffries.

A new postoffice has been established at Luckett's, Loudoun county, with N. T. Stout as postmaster. The name of the postoffice is at Ivanhoe, Richmond county, has been changed to Downing's.

A five year old girl living at Mechanicsville, Fauquier county, who has never been to school, reads the most difficult sentences with great fluency. She scarcely glances at the matter while reading.

The Valley Land and Improvement Company was organized at Luray yesterday. The Luray Inn and Cave have been purchased by the new company and will shortly pass under its control and management.

Mr. George Woodward, an aged citizen of Leesburg, and Mrs. Ann N. wife of Mr. C. W. Divine, of Waterford, died suddenly on Tuesday, and Major Henry J. Rogers, a brother of the late Milton Rogers, of Dover, Loudoun county, died in New York on Wednesday night.

At a meeting of the Richmond republican committee last night it was agreed that the party should support in the coming month the election of J. C. Smith, the independent candidate for City Sergeant. Mr. Smith supported Mahone for Governor last year. The committee also favored the nomination of Judge Waddill for Congress.

In the Roanoke Circuit Court yesterday the case of the Fidelity Insurance Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Philadelphia vs. the Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company, which has been pending five years, was disposed of, and a decree will be entered directing the sale of the road to satisfy claims aggregating \$15,751.84, including interest to July 1, 1890. The claim of the general mortgage bondholders for \$1,500,000 of first mortgages deposited with the Fidelity Company as collateral security for general mortgage bonds, although resisted by counsel, was sustained, as was that of the Central Improvement Company of West Virginia for \$771,338.30. It is thought the road will be sold in October and will be purchased by the Norfolk and Western Company.

Court of Appeals Yesterday. Johnson's administrator against Richmond and Danville Railroad Company. Argued and continued.

Kintz against Armstrong, De Farges against Ryland & Brooks, Hardy against Wiley, Richmond and Danville Railroad Company against Le Prad, Wilkinson against Merrill, Hall against Palmer, Baker against Baker, Findley against Brent. Sent to foot of docket.

Motley & Co. against Frank. Passed.

Twenty thousand people attended a reception given in honor of Senator Stanford at the State Capitol at Sacramento, last night.

#### FROM WASHINGTON.

(Special Correspondence of the Alexs. Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26, 1890.

General Lee availed himself of the opportunity offered to-day by the absence of Mr. Speaker Reed, whose eye it is almost impossible for any southern man to catch, and of Mr. Kilgore, who objects to every thing, to call up a bill for a road from Alexandria to the national cemetery near that city. Mr. Burrows was in the chair, and the General having taken the precaution to secure his promise of recognition beforehand, had no trouble whatever either in getting his bill before the House or in having it passed. There will be no trouble in getting it through the Senate. The text of the bill is as follows: That the sum of seven thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing a gravel road and approaches from the city of Alexandria, State of Virginia, to the national military cemetery near that city: *Provided*: That a right of way at least fifty feet wide, or the full width of Wilkes street east of Alfred street, in said city of Alexandria, should first be obtained before any money is spent under the appropriation.

The House District of Columbia committee is now considering separate bills to allow the O. & O. and the Shenandoah Valley railroads to enter this city by separate bridges across the Potomac at or near Georgetown. The District commissioners want both the roads referred to to enter the city by way of the Long Bridge, and the committee will hardly go against the recommendation of the commissioners.

To-day was the day for the regular meeting of the Senate committee on public buildings and grounds, to which the Arlington bridge bill, was referred, but as no quorum was present nothing was done. All the democrats on the committee are favorable to the bill and most of the republicans. Senator Barbour had a talk with some of the former on the subject to-day, and will see some of the republican members on the same subject next week.

Of the forty bills that have passed either House of Congress for public buildings at this session the following have been for such buildings in republican congressional districts.

A meeting of the directors of the Virginia Midland Railroad Company was held here this morning. Among those present were Messrs. Wilmer, Meredith, Blackford, Payne and Logan. Senator Barbour arrived just as the meeting adjourned. The object of the meeting was to facilitate a financial operation—was accomplished. The affairs of the road were reported to be in a most flourishing condition.

The republican Senators held a caucus this morning on the bill to increase the coinage of silver, but recessed until this evening without reaching a definite conclusion.

The following was the only chance that was made in the 4th class postoffice of Virginia to-day: Soudan, Mecklenburg county, J. Wheeler appointed postmaster, vice P. S. Grigg, deceased.

#### Telegraphic Brevities.

Mrs. James A. Garfield visited the White House this morning for the first time since the death of President Garfield.

Gov. Taylor has received a telegram from Springfield, Tenn., that two men in jail there for murder are liable to be mobbed to-night. A military company and 1,000 rounds of ammunition were shipped to the scene at once.

Edward Gronwald, a theatrical manager from Galveston, Tex., committed suicide in New York to-day by taking poison.

Admiral Kimberly and board arrived at Fortress Monroe to-day and went to sea on the cruiser Baltimore for a two days' run.

Giovanni Succi, who on March 17 began a 40 days' fast at the London Royal Aquarium, successfully completed his task to-day.

In spite of the numerous conferences to-day in Chicago there is but little prospect that the carpenters' strike will be settled.

Twelve lumbermen, while crossing the rapids on Otter River Michigan, in a canoe last night, were capsized and two of the number drowned.

Fire yesterday destroyed eight million feet of lumber and a number of buildings at Northern Pacific Junction, Minn. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Yesterday morning a gang of Chinamen tried to enter the United States from Lower California. Several were captured, but others escaped into the mountains.

Denny Kelleher, of Boston, and Charlie Turner, of Stockton, fought fourteen fierce rounds at the Golden Gate Athletic Club at San Francisco, last night, resulting in a victory for Kelleher.

**CURIOUS DATE FIGURING.**—A gentleman was showing a curious thing in the State-house this noon—showing how to tell the day of the week of any date. He gave the following formula, which can be tried by any one: Take the last two figures of this year, add to it a quarter of this, disregarding the fraction; add the date of the month and to this add the figure in the following list: 0-2-5-1-3-6-1. Divide the sum by seven and the remainder will give the number of the day in the week, and when there is no remainder the day will be Saturday. As an example take March 19, 1890. Take 90, add 22, add 19, add 6. This gives 137, which divided by 7 leaves a remainder of 4, which is the number of the day, Wednesday.—*Providence Telegram.*

**INSANITY CURED BY THE GRIPP.**—A new phase of J. L. Grapp's mysterious influence is just now interesting the medical profession of Massachusetts. Bad as it was in its dreadful work, it has at the same time wrought what seems to be a miracle at the State Insane Hospital at Westboro. The cases described by Dr. N. E. Paine, the superintendent of the hospital, furnish some of the most singular phenomena in the study of mental disorders, and curative virtue of disease upon disease. L. Grapp swept through the Westboro Insane Hospital just as it did through other institutions, and while some succumbed to its ravages, others, seven in number, not only recovered health, but reason as well.

The numbers of *Littell's Living Age* for April 19th and 26th have been received from the publishers in Boston. They contain Prince Adam Czartoryski, Communism, Lord Napier of Magdala, A Battle Described from the Ranks, Can there be a Science of Character? Some Irish Traits of Thought and Speech, Sketches of Tangle, French-English, Mountain Stumps, On the Naming of Novels, Extracts from the Journal of the Duchess of Duras during the Reign of Terror, What is Impartiality? A Pen-and-Ink Sketch from Ober-Ammergau, From Pall Mall Windows, with instalments of "Marcia," "The Anonymous," "The Legend of Madame Krasineka" and "The Good Little Girl," and poetry.

#### Fatal Runaway Accident.

LIMA, O., April 26.—A party of young people met with a shocking accident near here Thursday night. Their horses became frightened and ran into a stone wall, killing both animals and dashing the occupants of the carriage against the stone abutment of a bridge. Minnie and Gertrude Pierce were instantly killed and Ella Hawkins and Cliff Church were probably fatally injured.

#### NEWS OF THE DAY.

Emperor William met Queen Victoria at Darmstadt yesterday.

So far this year there have been 303 strikes, involving 66,142 employees.

If the silver bill is passed a new mint will have to be built in Philadelphia.

Prince Bismarck will not appear in the upper house of the Prussian Diet until politics assume their normal condition.

The earthquake shock in California Thursday, caused great consternation among the "Doom Sealers" of San Francisco and Oakland.

The steamer Gothenburg which arrived at Boston on Thursday reports that on the 12th she sighted several icebergs, on one of which were two polar bears.

The celebrated stallions Luke Blackburn and Incoquois were sold at Bull Meade, near Nashville yesterday, to General W. H. Jackson for \$20,000 and \$34,000, respectively.

A movement is now on foot in the Grafton, W. Va. district to nominate Stephen B. Ekins as the republican candidate for Congress against Hon. W. L. Wilson, the democratic incumbent.

The Archer investigating committee in Maryland, have accounted for \$29,000 of the treasury relief bonds. Attorney-General Whyte has forwarded papers to docket four suits against Archer's sureties.

Rumors have prevailed for several days that the Senate Committee on Finance would proceed to make up a tariff bill on a formula of its own, irrespective of any action that the House might take.

The secretary of the State of Ohio issued a license yesterday to the John Brown Liberty Museum at Chicago to purchase and remove to Chicago the building known as John Brown's fort, at Harper's Ferry.

A clerk who was in the employ of Emin Bey has made a sworn deposition to the effect that the revolt of Emin's forces was entirely due to the discovery of Emin's plans to surrender the province of Wadai to the Mahdi.

The appointment of W. E. Thompson as postmaster at McKeepert, Pa., has been defeated by Wansmaker, because some one wrote him that Thompson played poker, drank whisky and swore. A democrat continues to handle the mails.

At Spencer, Roanoke county, W. Va., Louis King, justice of the peace, shot and fatally wounded Life Hall on the evening of the 23d. Hall and another man were engaged in a row and King tried to stop the fight. Hall objected to the interference, when King pulled a revolver and shot him in the left breast over the heart.

The House committee on claims yesterday made a favorable report on Senator Butler's bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to re-examine and re-settle the accounts of New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, South Carolina and the city of Baltimore on account of advances and expenditures by said States in the war of 1812.

There is a sensation at Salem, N. C., occasioned by the attempt of a young man named Gibson to elope with a young lady student named Rogers. She disguised herself as a servant and tried to elude the night watchman at the schools, but was detected just as she entered the vehicle which her lover had provided. The young lady was taken home by her relatives.

Thinking that she was compelled to choose between insanity and death, Miss Bertha Wittgenstein killed herself Thursday night at the home of her mother in Louisville, Ky. Miss Wittgenstein was pretty, well educated, had a pleasant home and considerable money in her own right. She was thirty years old. For some weeks she had been troubled with insomnia.

The United States Senate spent most of yesterday's session in debate on the land reforestation bill. The death of the late Congressman Edward G. Gay, of Louisiana, was formally announced in the Senate and eulogies delivered. In the House, the Senate anti-trust bill was reported from the judiciary committee. The House further considered the legislative appropriation bill.

It is now said that the young man who Miss Winnie Davis is to wed is not a son of a howling abolitionist and South-bater, as has been alleged. The young man is himself a States-rights democrat and his father and grandfather were of the same political faith. He is a grandson of Judge Wilkinson, the founder of Syracuse, New York, and a man universally beloved and honored.

**A CONFEDERATE MUSEUM.**—A letter from Richmond says: When the Jeff. Davis mansion is converted into a memorial hall and Confederate museum it will become a mecca for southern people and a place where every student of history will delight to visit. I learn that the ladies of the Hollywood Memorial Association will spend not less than \$10,000 to improve the place. The idea of dedicating one room to each southern State is a popular one and there is hardly any doubt that it will be carried out. If Mrs. Davis will agree to her husband's remains being buried in the museum the place will be one of the richest historic treasures of the South. The ladies will get possession as soon as the new schoolhouse is ready for occupancy. Meantime they will go ahead and collect relics for their memorial hall and museum.

**ARRESTED AT LAST.**—In 1886 Samuel Allen was a well-to-do farmer, with an estimable wife and family, at Loyal, Wis. He became enamored of Mrs. Wright, a neighboring farmer's wife, and the two agreed to poison their lawful partners in life and marry each other. Mr. Wright died, but Mrs. Allen was saved after Allen had been arrested for poisoning Mr. Wright. Allen escaped from jail after conviction and caused a letter to be mailed at Sydney, Australia, saying that he had died in Australia after confessing the crime. The State Department found the letter to be false, and Allen was arrested Thursday at Whatcom, State of Washington. Mrs. Wright confessed and the case against her was dropped.

**A CLOUD BURSTS.**—A dispatch from Gainesville, Tex., says: "It has been raining almost constantly since last Monday night, and at 8 o'clock Thursday a cloud-burst struck the city, lasting four hours, deluging the town and county to the depth of several feet. The water ran in great rivers through the streets, in many places three feet deep. A small creek left its banks and swept away numerous small dwellings. The fire alarm was sounded at 11 o'clock, and the department and hundreds of people turned out and helped in rescuing families residing on the low lands along the creek. The loss to property will run up into the thousands. The whole country is deluged, and crops are certainly ruined."

#### COMMUNICATED.

"Home, Sweet Home."  
I'll were in Council I'd vote, like an ass,  
To back the chicken that pecks up my grass.  
I'd vote to repeal the law that makes all  
Pill grass from the gutter from spring until fall.  
I'd remove all the stones and shells from the street,  
And with grass I would make a fairy retreat.  
I'd have no hen pecking around my sweet home,  
And no doctor to hurry me on to my tomb.  
R. A. I. SHELL.



#### ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

##### Proceedings of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.

##### SENATE.

The Senate joint resolution accepting the donation of the battle sword of the late Capt. Samuel Chester Reid, tendered as a gift by his son, Samuel C. Reid, and providing for the presentation to him by Congress of a gold medal having been taken up.

Mr. Voorhees, who had reported it from the library committee, read, from manuscript, what he termed "the story of the sword tendered for our acceptance."

The story was that of the battle of Fayal, in which the American privateer General Armstrong, commanded by Captain Reid, resisted and repulsed with great slaughter the attacks from English men of war—a battle to which General Jackson said he was indebted for the delay which enabled him to defend New Orleans.

Mr. Sherman opposed the joint resolution, although, he said, it seemed ludicrous to do so. But the proposition itself was (he said) an attack on the illustrious race of men who seemed to have been, since 1815, ignorant of the "unparalleled achievement" to which Mr. Voorhees had referred. It was a gallant act on the part of Captain Reid; but after all it was in defense of his own vessel—a privateer that had gone out (like other privateers) to do harm to the enemy expecting also to gain profit. The heirs of Captain Reid had been paid the value of the vessel and of all personal property lost. Medals of honor were granted only for illustrious service.

After a prolonged debate Mr. Voorhees asked that the resolution might lie over, retaining its place on the calendar, and that was agreed to.

##### HOUSE.

By appointment of the Speaker Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, acted as Speaker pro tem to-day.

On motion of Mr. Lee, of Virginia, a bill was passed appropriating \$7,000 to construct a road from Alexandria, Va., to the national military cemetery near that place.

Mr. Allen, of Mississippi, rising to a question of personal privilege, read an extract from a special to the Philadelphia paper stating that in his recent speech he had uttered a vulgar tirade against Senator Quay and had characterized him as a thief, and had closed his speech with an attack upon the piety of Postmaster General Wansmaker. In the heat of the debate, and in reply to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Cannon), who had arraigned the democratic party because it had defaulting State treasurers, he had simply said that the democratic party had never elected them to the U. S. Senate or made them chairman of its national committee. He did not know Senator Quay, but he understood he was a man of some good traits, and he was no party to any conspiracy to injure or defame him. When the gentleman from Illinois brought up the southern treasurers his head was so exposed that he (Mr. Allen) just hit it without thinking.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the legislative appropriation bill.

##### The Mississippi.

NEW ORLEANS, April 26.—The river continues to rise slowly from Vicksburg to the Red river, but no new breaks are reported in the Louisiana levees. The rains have ceased and to that extent the situation is favorable, for it gives hope that the levees that are still intact may be held.

At New Orleans the fall has been about a foot and a half, and the river here is only eight inches above the danger line, with the levees standing several feet above the flood. A similar fall has taken place all along the line and the danger of further breaks in the levees on the lower river is believed to be over.

The river is stationary at Vicksburg and a fall may be expected along the north Louisiana front in a day or two, which will soon reach Red river. When this takes place the danger is over.

Much of the land behind both above and below Red River is under water from the crevasses in East Carroll, Concordia, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge. As soon as the river falls along the north Louisiana front the back water will begin to go down, and it is altogether likely that within ten days in the upper parishes of that section on lands now overflowed the ploughs will be in the fields preparing the ground for cotton.

A Bayou Sara special referring to the Great Morganza crevasse, says: "Here the water of the river is only about a foot or less below the crown of the levee, which, at the break, was 26 feet high with a base of over two hundred feet. The break is now some fifteen hundred feet wide and it is caving off at the lower end at the rate of three hundred feet in 24 hours. The average cost of this levee was \$10 per running foot. Every effort will be used to protect what remains of Morganza with as little delay as possible.

Stories of suffering and danger of loss of life in this overflowed district are, to say the least, premature. That a financial calamity has fallen upon a splendid section of Louisiana is, unfortunately, too true. Thus far some stock has been drowned and it is impossible to say how serious the loss of stock may be in the interior. In answer to a telegram of inquiry from Norfolk, the secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange wires as follows: Your dispatch indicates that the situation as regards New Orleans has been absurdly exaggerated. There is not now nor is there likely to be the slightest danger to New Orleans from high water in the Mississippi.

The Rochester, N. Y., Wheel Company's works were damaged by fire \$25,000 this morning. Three firemen were injured by falling from a ladder.

#### Senator Quay to Resign the Chairmanship of the National Republican Committee.

(Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—From inside sources of information it is learned that the national republican committee has been called to meet here week after next for the sole purpose of receiving and considering the resignation of Senator Quay, chairman of that committee. The Senator has been sorely distressed by the recent exposures of his gross delinquencies as a public officer; indeed his feelings have been so hurt by those exposures that they have reacted injuriously on his physical condition and have really impaired his health. He thinks his own party does not like to have him at the head of its national organization while the charges referred to remain disproved, and in order to find out whether it does or does not he has determined to submit his resignation to the national republican committee and has had a meeting of that committee called for that purpose. It is understood that in case his resignation be accepted, Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson will be a candidate for the vacant chair.

#### Foreign News.

BERLIN, April 26.—The German ambassadors abroad, have been summoned to Berlin to confer with the government considering various questions now pending between Germany and foreign governments.

DARMSTADT, April 26.—Emperor William and the Empress, Queen Victoria and all the prominent civil and military authorities here will attend a review of the troops at the drill ground to-day.

LONDON, April 26.—The post-office authorities express the belief that no delay in the transit of mail matter will be caused by the strike of railway employees.

LONDON, April 26.—Henry M. Stanley arrived at Dover this afternoon from Brussels. Although a drenching rain was falling a large crowd assembled to greet him.

LONDON, April 26.—Mr. Stanley arrived at 3:15 o'clock. Disgraceful confusion prevailed on the pier owing to mismanagement by the local authorities.

#### The Floods in Texas.

FORTWORTH, Texas, April 26.—Heavy rains are reported throughout north and west Texas. At many places the rainfall of the past 24 hours has been three inches and nine inches since last Monday. Miles of railway tracks are reported under water, and on many roads trains are abandoned. The freight and passenger depots in the northern suburbs are under water, as are all the lowlands known as the North Side. As far as heard from no loss of life has been reported, but damage to crops, railroads and property has been enormous and will reach into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

#### Mrs. Terry.

FRESNO, Cal., April 26.—Sirah Althea Terry made her appearance in the office of C. G. Sayle, administrator of the estate of David S. Terry, yesterday and demanded some money. Sayle said he had none on hand belonging to the estate, but there were law books that might be sold. She then went into the adjoining office of Mr. Caldwell, attorney for the administrator, and after wrangling with him she was ejected from the office. She returned and smashed the windows and made a scene. Sayle left his office and she followed, threatening to shoot him.

#### The Madstone.

LEVISTON, April 26.—Considerable excitement exists in this county over the work of mad dogs. One animal has bitten several members of the Smith family. The dogs became mad last week and have bitten many cattle, horses and other domestic animals; the animals died. The victims of the dogs' bites applied a madstone, which has never once failed in a score of cases. The stone clung to the wounds, drawing off a quantity of poisonous matter.

#### Protection Asked.

CHICAGO, April 26.—A meeting of union carpenters from other States was held last night to take steps to secure protection against intimidation from the strikers. A memorial was drawn and forwarded to Secretary Blaine, asking "protection from a mob of riotous outlaws, who defy the authorities and who maintain a reign of terror over those who differ with them on questions of trades unions."

#### Railroad Train Wrecked.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., April 26.—The most disastrous wreck which has occurred on the New Jersey Central R. R. in many years happened here at 9 o'clock last night. A Philadelphia and Reading coal train broke in two near Fenwood station, and reaching this city on a down grade the two sections came together with terrific force fatally injuring one man and completely wrecking 24 coal cars. Travel was delayed until 2 o'clock this morning.

F. B. Thayer, postmaster at Oakland, Md., has been arrested for kidnapping a boy written by a 15-year-old niece, John Johnson, a grand daughter of the late Rev. John Johnson, mailed to a young man named Edward Maroon.

**BASIC CITY, VA.**—The auction sale of building lots in Basic City will be found in another column. The location of the town is in the brown ore district, at the crossing of the two great coal-carrying lines of Virginia; viz: the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Shenandoah Valley Railways. Iron ore and limestone are abundant, and in close proximity, and the water is pure freestone. The south branch of the Shenandoah river flows through the place. Timber of almost every variety is plentiful, and the country is equal to any in the Shenandoah Valley in beauty, fertility, productiveness and healthfulness. The industries of Basic City at present are a 100-ton iron furnace, car works, paper mill, two blind, sash and building material factories, and two brick manufacturing. A large and handsome hotel is in course of construction. The Shenandoah Normal College is to be removed from Harrisonburg to Basic City shortly and a contract has been signed to remove a lock factory, employing 500 workmen from Buffalo, N. Y., to Basic City. The place is rapidly growing and the value of property is being enhanced daily. Mr. George Wise, of this city, who has just returned from a trip through the southwest, says Basic City affords great advantages for investment.

THE BEST FAST-BLACK HOSE for ladies, gents and children at 25c at ap21 AMOS E. SLATMAKER'S.

#### OFFICIAL.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and paving of that portion of Alfred street between Princess and Oronoco streets, and for the assessment of the cost thereof and the collection of the same under the thirty-third section of the city charter.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, That the Superintendent of Police, subject to the supervision of the Committee on Streets, is hereby authorized and directed to have that portion of Alfred street lying between Princess and Oronoco streets graded and paved in a good and substantial manner, using for paving cobble stones.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, That an assessment shall be levied upon the property lying upon said street as described in this ordinance; to wit: Two thirds of the cost of such grading and paving to be paid by the owners of the real estate fronting on said street and the cost of one third of the cost shall be paid by the owners of the real estate abutting on each side of said street to be charged on a basis of frontage.

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained, That when said street as before described shall have been graded and paved as provided for in the first section of this ordinance, the Corporation of the City of Alexandria, 1874, passed May 11th 1886.

Sec. 4. Be it further ordained, That as said grading and paving is being done the Auditor authorized to draw warrants upon the City Treasurer for such sums of money as may be required to pay for the said grading and paving.

Sec. 5. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

Passed Board of Aldermen April 22, 1890.

W. H. MARBURY, President.

Passed Common Council April 22, 1890.

JOHN T. W. SNEY, President.

Approved April 24, 1890.

E. E. DOWNHAM, Mayor.

Teste: Jno. T. JOHNSON, Clerk Com. Council.

#### MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The stock market opened with a decidedly strong tone this morning, and first prices as a rule were from  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. higher than last evening's final figure. Stocks came out with a rush at the high price, however, and the first quarter hour's trading was extremely large, the dealings being in large blocks. The market shaded off and the opening advances were lost in most cases; though there were few instances where last night's figures were reached. The pressure to sell abated quickly and later prices began to move up again under a new buying movement and the opening figures were generally surpassed before the end of the hour. There was an active and fairly well distributed business, and at 11 o'clock the market was active and strong, generally at small fractions better than first prices.